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REPORT
To Our Reader - Owners

'SONG' OF MACHINES

In its first issue after the 19-day strike which tied up nine New York papers the New York Times said editorially, after noting efforts by radio and television to fill the news vacuum, that the prolonged stoppage "was at least an object lesson in the services provided by newsprint and printer's ink." Then the editorial declared poetically:

"The sounds dear to the newspaperman's heart, the clattering linotypes, the thump of the makeup man's mallet, the thunder of the presses, the soft swish of the emerging newspapers: This song will not be silenced and is not out of date."

At least one newspaperman who read that couldn't help but hope that other craftsmen love the sounds of their trade machinery as much as the man who wrote that editorial.

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DEATH OF MACHINES

But of course the man who wrote that poetic passage must know, although that editorial wasn't the place to say it, that while there will always be a need for permanent recording in easily accessible form of information and opinion, it never is safe any more to say of the sounds of any particular group of machines that "this song will not be silenced and is not out of date." In fact, the very group of machines he mentions is already facing competition from a new group of machines, and craftsmen in all the affected trades are speculating on what may happen.

Certainly no informed man or woman in these crafts feels safe in predicting in what form and by what processes the equivalent of the New York Times—and East Bay Labor Journal!—will reach its recipients 100 years from now, or even 50 years from now.

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TWO KINDS OF 'ILITY'

We must have stability to live at all; we must have adaptability to live well in a world changing so rapidly.

It might be added that some people—and some unions!—display much more stability than adaptability. And stability alone, without adaptability, is fatal.

County Education Board okays austerity program

From the minutes of the Alameda County Board of Education meeting of December 18, 1958:

Mr. Hansen suggested that coffee no longer be served at board meetings except on special occasions. The board concurred with this.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Crowell installed as CLC head; board member, Mathiesen

Russ Crowell, Cleaners 3009, was installed as president of the Central Labor Council this week, with First Vice President Edna Lallement as installing officer. Russ Mathiesen, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265, was installed as a member of the executive committee. Both were elected December 15.

Crowell said that he might establish a record as "the president of this council with the shortest term of office — six weeks," referring to the regular election coming up in February. Crowell succeeds Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302, resigned, to complete Brown's unexpired term.

The occasion also marked the opening of the eighth year of Crowell's tenure as secretary of his union, and the 21st year of his membership in it.

He said that as a service union "we have learned we can't go it alone, that we need the help of all labor, and that the Central Labor Council of Alameda County epitomizes what is best in the American labor movement."

Holmdahl praised; Houlihan is named

John Charles Houlihan, attorney, for years a member of the Oakland Planning Commission, formerly chief enforcement officer for the War Labor Board, has been named to the Oakland City Counicl to complete the unexpired term of John Holmdahl, who reisgned as his term of office as State Senator, to which he was elected in November, commenced.

Houlihan was voted for in his new position by all 7 Councilman present. Councilman Robert Osborne was absent.

A resolution commending Holmdahl for his work on the City Council was adopted.

You can aid union organizing Sears!

Russ Mathiesen, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265, announced at the Central Labor Council meeting this week that "we are launching a full scale organizing campaign" at the Sears stores in Oakland and Hayward.

Mathiesen said that any delegate knowing anyone working at either of the Sears stores would do Local 1265 a great favor by notifying the union office at once. The telephone number of Local 1265 is TEmplebar 2-3823.

Printing Specialties in silk screen discussions

President John Ferro, Printing Specialties 382, reports that the union is negotiating with the silk screen industry.

COPE MEETS TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1959

COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash announces that there will be a meeting of the Alameda County Council on Political Education Tuesday, January 13, at the Labor Temple at 8:00 p.m.

The executive board will meet at 7:00 p.m.

COPE meetings will now regularly be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

As Brown goes in, labor readies for April city polls

With Governor Brown inaugurated only a few hours before, with Congressman Jeffery Cohelan in Washington at the opening of his first session of the House, and with Proposition 18 only a bad memory, the Central Labor Council considered future political battles at its meeting Monday night.

"There will be elections in April in Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda," CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash reminded the delegates, after analyzing some of the figures from the November elections. "We'll need the same kind of work from the people that got in and worked hard in November in order to make some gains in April."

The delegates were reminded that 3 of the 5 members of the Oakland City Council who either voted against taking a stand in opposition to Proposition 18, or who abstained from voting on the issue, are up for reelection or defeat in April.

The place on the Berkeley City Council which was resigned by Jeffery Cohelan to take his seat in Congress will also be up, and no one has been named in his place for the completion of the term. In Alameda also issues are shaping.

Ash said that Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx is now going over the official returns of the November elections, picking out the places where labor showed special strength or special weakness.

"Our contention of many

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Council tells Holmdahl it favors a State FEPC

The Central Labor Council has concurred with the request of the NAACP that State Senator John Holmdahl be informed that the council favors creation of a Fair Employment Practices Commission. Governor Brown in his inaugural address urged the setting up of such a commission.

Labor Council endorses two hospital fund plans

The Central Labor Council has endorsed the fund raising plans for both the St. Rose hospital for Hayward, and the Community hospital for San Leandro. Spokesmen for both have appeared before the delegates.



MARCH OF DIMES drive by the National Foundation established in honor of the memory of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt began January 2 and runs all month, including the birthday of FDR, January 30. This year the fund raised will not only aid polio sufferers as in the past, but victims of birth defects and arthritis. Shown in this picture is AFLCIO President George Meany, who has endorsed the drive, and with him are the 1959 poster children —Jeffery Reil, 11, of New York City, victim of an open spine, and Pamela Henry, 8, of Oklahoma City, polio sufferer.

BTC plans orderly work for passing legislation

Orderly procedures for getting important new legislation passed, all the way from the considering of resolutions in conventions of labor people to the final stages in Legislature and Congress, were discussed by the Building Trades Council this week.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers as the result of the discussion was authorized to urge on the California Labor Federation a procedure for separating committee hearings and floor meetings based on the practice of Congress.

Childers pointed out that Congress meets from noon until 6 p.m. and that the forenoon is thus clear for committee meetings.

Childers, giving a full report on the recent State Building Trades Council convention and the first convention of the merged AFL and CIO in the California Labor Federation, said that some of the resolutions adopted by the State BTC gathering were not considered by the Federation on the ground that they were internal jurisdictional subjects with which the Federation was not authorized to deal. But other resolutions adopted by the State BTC didn't get full hearing before the resolutions committee because of the confused procedure, no matter how hard the committee worked, he said. And if a resolution isn't passed on for recommendation to the main convention, it has mighty small chance of making it, he added.

As the labor movement grows bigger in the State, it will be especially important to have orderly procedure, it was argued.

LABOR JOURNAL BOARD

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, long a member of the Labor Paper Advisory Committee, and its secretary, announced that he

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BTC wins a restraining order

The Building Trades Council here was successful in obtaining an ex parte temporary restraining order in Superior Judge Chris B. Fox's court against W. H. Dority of Stanislaus County and Walter L. Boito of Oakland.

The restraining order, granted last week, prevents Dority and Boito from continuing the work of wrecking the old Southern Pacific roundhouse until a hearing, beginning late this week, is completed.

It is said to be the first time in this county that the BTC has gotten relief through a temporary restraining order.

The BTC alleges that the two defendants signed in Stanislaus County a regular contract with the Building Trades Council there, and that this contract contains a clause that its provisions shall be enforced in any other county where similar contracts are held by building trades central bodies.

The defendants, the BTC charges, had hired no Alameda County workers and were not

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HOW TO BUY

Poorly-finished fabrics, cheap shoes

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

A mother recently bought a pair of blue jeans for her boy from one of the largest mail order companies with a long-time reputation for selling good-quality merchandise. They were so poorly-dyed that on the first wearing the blue color rubbed off on the child's underwear and legs. The mother promptly shipped the jeans back.

Two unions in the textile and shoe industries currently are sounding alarms against shoddy goods. Depressed conditions in the textile industry have resulted in deterioration of textile dyeing and finishing, reports William Gordon, director of the Textile Workers Union Dyers Division. Even otherwise good materials can be subjected to poor dyeing and printing, and the public can't tell the difference, Gordon recently told a Senate committee. The inferior finishes generally show up only after a garment has been laundered or cleaned.

For example, a number of clothing tragedies have resulted from poor finishing of the new wash-and-wear garments. Some women have had the experience of washing a brand-new blouse, then pressing it and finding it actually developed holes when it was ironed. This is caused by the resin finishes sometimes added to cotton materials to resist wrinkling. Resin finishes absorb chlorine. Sometimes this merely yellows the fabric. But when the materials are pressed, acid is released and the fabric itself may be destroyed, the American Institute of Laundering advises. Some manufacturers have perfected their resin finishes for wash-and-wear and drip-dry garments. But many take short-cuts and use cheaper finishes.

Besides poor dyes and finishes, another problem you undoubtedly have encountered is progressive shrinking. A shirt or cotton dress may shrink a little more each time it is laundered. Laundry experts warn that just the word "pre-shrunk" on a garment label is not always enough. The word "Sanforized" is better assurance. A "Sanforized" fabric will not shrink more than 1 percent.

The reason firms don't preshrink goods properly is that in preshrinking, they may lose as much as ten percent of their yardage. So sometimes they stretch the fabric back again to its original dimensions, and add a fine powder called "sizing" which helps the fabric hold its shape. But when the sizing washes out in laundering, or even in a rain, the dress or other garment gradually shrinks.

A growing number of shoe manufacturers also have "downgraded" quality, the Boot and Shoe Workers Union discloses. These manufacturers are giving the public "prettied-up shoddy shoes". The shoe workers charge that "in some types of foot wear, consumers are getting less for their money than they expect and deserve. A razzle-dazzle of fashion baubles and glitter is concealing the cheapened basic values."

The cheapening of shoes has resulted from the use of inferior materials, lower-grade construction and poorer fit, the shoe union says. The deterioration is especially severe in women's and children's shoes.

In textiles, the public could be protected from inferior dyeing and finishing if finishing plants and textile converters adopted the voluntary standards of the American Standards Association, Gordon advises. But since only a few do observe these voluntary standards and label their products accordingly, Gordon urges Federal regulation of quality.

The shameful feature of the whole deterioration problem in textiles is that the cost saving rarely is passed on to the public, Gordon reports, not that poorly-finished or improperly-preshrunk garments are worth buying even at lower prices. George Sommaripa, textile expert of the American Standards Association, advises that careful finishing actually costs only little more. It would not require costlier fabrics but merely more careful supervision and control, and elimination of such chiseling as stretching 100 yards of material to make 110 yards.

Grand tonic

"Four weeks ago I was so run down that I could not even spank the baby," wrote a woman to a certain manufacturer. "But after taking three bottles of your wonderful tonic, I am now able to thrash my husband in addition to my other housework."

Hand lotion

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What is your buying I. Q.?

What's your buying I. Q.? The American Institute of Laundering has issued a check list that all intelligent shoppers should consider when looking for good fashion buys.

- Check seams. They should be one - half - inch deep and pinked, looped or bound to avoid raveling.
- Thread should match the fabric and be colorfast. Otherwise, it will "bleed" onto the material.
- Belting: Paper-backed belts are not washable. Plastic backing washes, but the heat of ironing may make it melt.
- Buckles: If the fabric is pasted on intead of sewn on, it will come off on contact with water.
- Check zippers. A brand name and a zipper binding that matches the color of the dress are two clues to high quality.
- Check washing instructions. If special hand care is required, the garment may not be a good buy.
- Read the handtag carefully. If it says "the fabric is washable," this does not necessarily mean that buttons, bindings and trim also are colorfast.
- Construction: There should be even stitching, no loose or hanging threads, well-made buttonholes, firmly anchored buttons and reinforced seams at points of strain. Checks, stripes and plaids should be matched where they join at seams.

When disaster hits furniture

When disaster strikes furniture, the damage often can be repaired quickly and with a little skill.

The Seng Handbook of Furniture Facts gives these tips on how to cope with common mishaps:

- Varnish turned white by hot water or hot dishes can be restored by rubbing it lightly with a piece of flannel dampened with spirits of camphor or essence of peppermint. This softens the varnish. When it is dry, rub it smooth, then follow with an application of wax furniture polish.
- White spots on wax finish may be removed by sponging with turpentine. When the fumes have evaporated, fresh wax should be applied.
- A dent in furniture should be moistened with warm water. Fold a piece of brown paper several times, soak in warm water and lay on the dent. Apply a warm (not hot) iron until the moisture evaporates. Repeat if dent does not disappear.
- When furniture has been deeply scratched, first remove loose splinters. Then work stain into the crack with a fine brush. Use a stain slightly lighter than the surrounding wood. With a fine brush dipped in white shellac, fill in the scratch. Shellac should not overlap edges of the scratch.

Militant union

Marriage was the first union to defy management. — **Old Jokes, Inc.**

Barbara Bell Patterns



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Some have menus, some do not

A recent study made by the Indiana Experiment Station showed that four of every five persons shopping for food had definite menu plans, one of ten had "vague ideas" for menus and five of ten had no plans at all. Many of those surveyed reported that they decided what to serve just before meal time.

Eight of ten homemakers figuring in the poll said that they considered a shopping list useful "to help remember what is needed," although most still shop without one.

The survey indicated that homemakers with higher incomes were most likely to use shopping lists and that those who shopped with no plans were receptive to food promotions in stores. Meat was one of the items reported as most often selected at the store rather than planned for at home.

Family finance

"It's our own fault," muttered the man to his wife. "If we'd saved our money during the recession we could afford to live through this prosperity."

To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THE STRIKE KITCHEN is one of many important subjects discussed in a pamphlet recently issued by the AFLCIO Community Services Committee entitled "Beyond the Picket Line: How to Organize a Strike Assistance Program."

In many strikes women have done great service in keeping a supply of food going to those on the picket line. In a short strike, coffee and doughnuts; in a long tussle a real kitchen problem begins to develop, not merely for those actually on the picket line, but in the homes of all the strikers.

THIS PROBLEM, and many allied ones, gets discussed in plain commonsense style in the 34-page pamphlet which can be got for ten cents by writing to AFLCIO Community Service Activities, 9 East 40th Street, New York 16, New York.

The union commissary and its organization and operation is discussed, for instance. It is pointed out that once the decision is made to organize a commissary for the duration of the strike the following questions become important:

"What kinds of food shall be bought—groceries, meat, canned goods, produce? Where can the food be stored? What makes a sufficient and fairly well balanced food order? What kind of system of distribution will be most effective?"

It can be readily guessed that women will know answers to these questions better than most men.

"A COMMUNITY," says the pamphlet, "has a responsibility to men and women on strike—especially to help meet their health and welfare needs adequately and expeditiously and on the basis of need regardless of the cause of that need."

Some elements in the community don't know that!

Toys are called mind developers

Toys are not merely child's play. They also help youngsters understand their world, express their inner lives and reach emotional maturity.

These views were expressed by an anthropologist.

"Toys are a miniature of the world around a child," said Dr. Margaret Mead, anthropologist. She noted with approval the popularity of toy satellites, which followed the launching of the earth satellites.

How children play, and whether they play at all, is a reflection of their cultures, according to Dr. Mead. She said that toys were important in developing a child's creativity and mathematical ability.

Can an abundance of toys blunt the imagination and resourcefulness of a child? Dr. Mead told the group that a study of the most creative persons in Great Britain revealed that they had played with a great variety of toys when they were young.

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Community labor papers are much needed: Machinist

The Machinist, weekly official publication of the International Association of Machinists, commenting editorially on the recent convention of AFLCIO editors in Washington, said that President Peter Terzick and Secretary Bernard R. Mullady of the editor's association "feel that members of many unions for too long have neglected the development of a modern and readable labor press, especially the labor papers published by the central bodies in most communities."

The Machinist went on to say:

In most cases, neglect of the labor press is shown by a refusal of union members to finance their community labor paper decently. Most of us have long been used to paying 7 or 10 cents a day for commercial newspapers. Yet, in most communities union members stubbornly refuse to pay that much per week for a labor paper.

A common alibi is that their international is putting out a good publication, why should the membership have to finance a local paper, too. The answer to that one was summed up by Al Hayes in his recent address to the Cincinnati Labor Conference. Mr. Hayes pointed out that labor can never develop an adequate press by depending solely on its national publications.

The reason is plain enough once anyone takes the trouble to think about it. The commercial press has its weekly newspapers and news magazines—Time and Newsweek, for example. They are widely read and influential. But they do not pack the power in a community that the daily newspaper packs.

People everywhere are pretty much alike in this. We are all interested in what is happening at home, in the problems of our town and our own neighborhood. National newspapers, including national union publications, can never do the detailed reporting of local issues needed by union members if they are to win a better understanding and wider support in their communities.

Henning announces safety conference

Henry J. Kaiser, Jr., vice president and director of Kaiser Industries, and H. E. Gilbert, international president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, AFLCIO, will be the featured speakers at the opening assembly of the ninth statewide meeting of the Governor's Industrial Safety Conference, which will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles February 5 and 6.

This was announced by John F. Henning, incoming director of the State Department of Industrial Relations, and presiding chairman of the conference.



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Maurice Silber is mourned by labor

The Central Labor Council adjourned this week in tribute to the memory of Maurice Silber, member of Amalgamated Clothing Workers 42, who died January 1 in a Berkeley hospital as the result of a heart attack which came upon him Christmas Day.

Silber as a delegate to the CLC since the merger of AFL and CIO here had been known for his devotion to any committee task asigned him and for his interest in civil liberties. He knew by personal experience, having suffered in a concentration camp, what civil liberties mean.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; and by two children, Esther Ann Silber and Michael Leslie Silber.

Brother Silber had recently been reelected to a school board in San Leandro, was a member of the San Leandro Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the boards of Cancer Society of Oakland and of the Red Cross of Oakland.

The funeral was held January 2 at the Caporgno chapel at 1727 Grove Street, Oakland, with interment in the Home of Peace Cemetery.

Let us relegate, urges Larry Ross

President Larry Ross, Commercial Telegraphers 208, says in a bulletin to the membership:

"1958 was a good year for Western Union workers because we kept our organization strong and demonstrated our willingness to fight if necessary to improve our working conditions. We also made certain that our determination to move forward in the future would not be jeopardized, by relegating the so-called Right to Work law to the garbage heap in California and we'll keep it there too.

"There will be an election in Oakland this year. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors took a stand against Right to Work. The Oakland City Council refused to back the working people. To my knowledge only Councilmen Holmdahl and Osborne backed us. Next April let's do some more relegating."

Small stores hire locked out clerks

The Retail Clerks Union in Los Angeles declared this week that small markets in that area have already hired 3000 of the 7000 clerks idled by the chain markets' lockout following the strike by the union against some of the chains on New Year's Day.

The Food Employers Council called the lockout, stating that a strike against one is a strike against all.

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years standing that special effort should be devoted to Assembly District 17 was proved correct in the November election."

Speaking of the inaugural ceremonies in Sacramento a few hours before the council meeting opened, Ash said that he and Assistant Secretary Art Hellender drove to Sacramento through the storm, had lunch, tried in vain to get into the Capitol where the ceremonies were held, gave it up, and drove back home.

Ash referred to newspaper stories that Governor Brown may appoint him to the State Personnel Board. He said that he has never been enthusiastic about men holding such positions as central labor body secretaries taking office with the State. But he felt that in view of the long struggle the labor movement in Alameda County has made to improve political life in California, it would seem sensible to accept the part time office as recognition of the successful outcome of that struggle.

Full time office with the State, he said, he could not consider, although there had been discussion of it, because that would take him away from Alameda County, and would mean complete identification with the new State Administration.

The place on the Personnel Board the dailies have reported Ash would be appointed to has for some time been held by Harry Finks, secretary of the Sacramento Labor Council, and, like Ash, a vice president of the California Labor Federation. Finks was placed on the board by former Governor Knight, whom the Alameda County labor movement has long opposed.

Knight 'deathbed' gift to Lincoln

Just before he left office, Goodwin J. Knight as Governor this week appointed Luther H. Lincoln, Republican, former Assemblyman from the 15th Assembly District, to the board of the State Compensation Insurance Fund, the term running to January 15, 1962.

Luther, retiring Speaker of the Assembly, did not run for reelection in the 15th District.

The Assemblyman from that district is now a Democrat, Nick Petris, who with the backing of organized labor was elected November 4 of last year by a vote of 32,563 to the 20,870 polled by his Republican opponent, Bernard A. Sheridan.

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Union's evasive answers hammered by NLRB ruling

WASHINGTON — The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld a National Labor Relations Board ruling that "evasive answers" by a union to members who asked if they should handle "hot cargo" constituted an unfair labor practice.

The decision was limited, however, to the specific circumstances arising out of a strike for recognition by the Teamsters against Clark Brothers and Coffey Transfer Co., Omaha, Neb. — **AFLCIO News.**

FORMER AND PRESENT 13th A. D. MEN HONORED

Supervisor Francis Dunn, who for six terms was Assemblyman representing the 13th Assembly District, with the opening of the new year became chairman of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Meanwhile the present Assemblyman representing the 13th District, Carlos Bee, became speaker pro tem of the lower house of the Legislature.

Both Dunn and Bee have been consistently supported by organized labor.

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Democratizing of blood banks urged by AFLCIO board

WASHINGTON—The following statement by the AFLCIO Executive Council on blood banks has been issued:

The AFLCIO shall take appropriate steps to offer the full cooperation and active participation of organized labor to the Joint Blood Council and its cooperating agencies in the development and maintenance of a national blood program and emphasizes the following points in the development and maintenance of the national blood program:

1. That a national uniform voluntary system of blood banks be established.
2. That blood and blood derivatives be made available without cost for the blood itself.
3. That hospital and laboratory charges for administration and testing of blood be maintained at a minimum.
4. That all blood banks should operate under the uniform licensing standards as prescribed by the United States Public Health Service and the accreditation standards adopted by the Joint Blood Council.
5. That there be no segregation of blood or blood derivatives along racial lines.
6. That the replacement of blood in the blood bank be for a one-for-one basis.
7. That coverage include the participant and his family.
8. That a national clearing house or exchange for blood and blood credits be established and maintained.
9. That research in the field of blood and blood rerivatives be stepped up.
10. That any committee or group directing the development and maintenance of the national blood program include representation of citizen interest, both as blood donors and blood users.

11,000 NEW CLAIMS for social security payments were received in the Oakland office of the Social Security Administration during 1958, and at the end of the year only 500 remained to be acted upon.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Installation of the newly elected officers of this union will be held at our next membership meeting Thursday, January 15. General Organizer Archie Virtue will be the installing officer. Refreshments will be served after the installation.

With the year 1958, now history, we can look into the year 1959 and see more employment for members of this union as new projects pick up momentum. Bechtel Company has started some minor alterations at the Standard Oil refinery, which will lead into a major contract. Also, at the Standard refinery, both Fluor and H. K. Ferguson Companies will be adding men to their current operations. Midwest Piping and Supply Company has started their two-year piping contract at the P. G. & E. powerhouse in Pittsburg. The Kaiser Company has been awarded the Linde Air contract, also in Pittsburg. So, with other smaller contracts, the year 1959 looks good.

Final details have been completed by a Committee representing contractors signatory to our contracts, and this local union, relative to new regulations and procedures that both labor and management will have to follow to be in compliance with recent NLRB rulings and directives.

Now, in order for you to be eligible for employment through this local union and in accordance with the NLRB the following must prevail:

All presently unemployed journeymen and apprentices, effective January 12, 1959, must call at this business office and sign the availability list for employment (you will retain your present status on the list). You must also fill out an application for employment. These cards will be available at the union dispatch office only and are self-explanatory. When a journeyman or apprentice becomes unemployed he must sign the out-of-work card in person and also the out-of-work list. No one can sign for him.

The dispatching of men will be in accordance with the date you signed up for employment, based on skills requested by employers.

For additional information, please contact any of the business representatives. The rules and regulations covering this procedure are now posted in this union's dispatch office and employers places of hiring of journeymen and apprentices.

New union dues books are available upon payment of January dues.

Again, remember that the installation of officers will be held January 15. For those members who belong to the Kaiser Health Plan, please make your checks payable to Steamfitters Union No. 342.

Also, beginning with February there will be two meetings per month .

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The need to keep an account of your hours worked has come to my attention rather pointedly. It is necessary to know this and keep track of it and know your health plan because they notify you after you have lost eligibility. They can't possibly know before period ends and reports are in. If you know and can protect your time you are in a position to protect yourself.

One brother was short just 20 hours and could have gotten them in or made skip payments but failed to do so. This resulted in a very large batch of bills he paid out of his own pocket that we could not do a thing about.

Moral: Keep an account and know its for your own benefit and very simple to do.

It is interesting to watch the passing scene in politics and observe that the stripes never change even in the face of the certain fact they want work. Our protagonist still pushes the same line, plays the same tune, beats the same chest in his regard for the public welfare, but when the chips are down ignores the same public.

The Credit Union will have its yearly meeting Saturday, January 17th at Local 36 hall to do its business, elect its committees and so forth. If you are a member or are interested be there and participate. As you know the Credit Union is composed of members of Local 36 and their families but is separate and apart from the local union. It has grown nicely and with your support will become a tremendous asset to Local 36. Members this is not charity, but honest business for our mutual benefit. It is completely bonded and insured and inspected by the government regularly by law, and results in very favorable conditions for little people to save and borrow money.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Perhaps it's symbolical that our first meeting of 1959, finds 1304 in a predicament.

During a turbulent existence, 1304 has weathered many stormy struggles, both internally and externally.

The special called meeting of January 15 will determine its death benefit to our members.

In 1957, Occidental Insurance Company agreed to provide the benefit at a cost of .35¢ per member per month.

In 1958, the premium was upped to .45¢ per member.

Now the cost is increased to .61¢ per member, and the union cannot absorb the cost. Here is a general breakdown of the allocation of your $5.00 monthly dues:

$2.50 is per capita to the international.

.45¢ premium payments to Occidental Insurance Company.

.10¢ per capita to the Central Labor Council.

.10¢ per capita to the Steelworkers, District No. 38 Legislative Education Fund.

12½¢ the rate for the East Bay Labor Journal.

.05¢ per capita to the California Industrial Union Council.

.02¢ per capita to the Council on Political Education of Alameda County.

.01¢ per capita to the District No. 38 Strike Fund.

.03¢ per capita to California Industrial Union Legislative and Political Fund.

$3.38½ total amount of your $5.00 not available to the local union.

$1.61½ remains to pay salaries for a full time dispatcher, a business agent, and an office employee; lost time for negotiating committees, delegates to conventions; arbitration cases and legal fees, taxes, utilities and office supplies; headquarters maintenance and janitor salary; small amount to president, recording secretary, and the treasurer; insurance, tellers expense, and floral expense.

A committee set up to study this problem consists of Al Fredotovich, Ernie Perry, Lloyd Ferber, Eddie Hamel and Roger Wilson.

We hope a solution to this problem is found.

The death benefit is the only link some members have with our union. If this sounds unkind, I'm sorry. But it's true.

Some of CLC committees are to be consolidated

First reading was given this week by the Central Labor Council to a constitutional amendment which would consolidate several of the council's committees.

The committees were created at the time of the local merger.

3 of 5 workers in State now covered by pension plans

More than 3 out of every 5 California workers under collective bargaining agreements are now covered by negotiated pension plans, Edward P. Park announced at the end of his term of office as California Director of Industrial Relations.

Park reported on the results of a survey of 1,582 labor-management agreements covering 1,381,000 California workers completed recently by the Department's Division of Labor Statistics and Research. The survey disclosed that 861,000 workers, 62 percent of the total, were employed under union contracts providing retirement benefits supplementing the Federal government's social security program.

More than a quarter of a million California workers were brought under negotiated pension plans between August 1956 and June 1958. The construction industry alone accounted for about half of the workers whose union contracts added retirement benefits during this period.

For nearly 9 out of 10 of the workers who have negotiated retirement benefits, the costs of providing pensions is borne entirely by the employer.

Collective bargaining agreements covering 61 percent of the workers with negotiated pension plans require the employer to make specified contributions into a trust fund jointly administered by employer and union representatives. For a majority of the workers covered by jointly-administered plans, the employer contribution is 10 cents per hour worked.

In the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area, negotiated pension plans cover 215,000 workers, approximately 57 percent of the 375,000 employed under collective bargaining agreements surveyed in June 1958. Forty-two percent had negotiated pension plans in this area in August 1956.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are certainly glad that the holidays are over and we can get back to a normal routine of business again.

We are confident that in next week's column, we will be able to notify you as to the date of the start of the electric watch class in San Francisco.

We met with Mr. Farrell of the San Francisco Board of Education last week, at which time final arrangements were made, with the exception of the exact starting date of the class.

Following the opening of this electric watch class in San Francisco, we are going to follow up our original contacts in San Jose in an attempt to expedite the starting date of this San Jose class.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m.—Union Office.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 1958, has been changed to the following Friday, January 9th, at which time we will honor as our special guests, members who are to receive Grand Lodge awards for continuous membership for fifteen years and over.

There will be a short business meeting between seven and eight p.m., followed by the installation of officers, introductions and presentations of awards.

As soon as possible the floor will be cleared for dancing. Refreshments will be served in an adjoining hall and several door prizes will be given away during the evening.

I sincerely hope you will take this opportunity to honor these members by your presence and enjoy an evening of good fellowship with your brother members.

Be sure to bring a partner and enjoy an evening of dancing to the music of Brother Larry Cabral and his orchestra.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN E. CLARK,
Committee Chairman

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dues also may be paid on regular meeting nights.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

The next meeting of the Local Union will be a Special Called meeting, Friday at 8:00 p.m., January 9, 1959, in which the delegates to the California State Federation of Labor will make their reports.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Special Called Meeting Thursday, January 15th at 8:00 p.m. to consider retaining, modifying, or eliminating our death benefit.

Also report of the delegates to the merger convention.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 will have a Special Called meeting on Friday, January 16, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Ave., Oakland, to elect delegates to the State Council of Carpenters convention. We will probably hear a report on the State Federation convention if time allows.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of the Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 1859, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

1. We will conduct the regular order of business.

2. Installation of officers.

3. On the meeting nights of November and December of 1958, the union office gave a special service by working an assistant to Pearl Bliss so that members wishing to pay their January 1959 dues, could receive their 1959-60-61 dues books. We will continue this special service for the meeting night of January 28, 1959 only. The union officers and the delegates to the Building Trades Council may also sign and receive their books. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and secure your new dues book.

4. Refreshments will be served upon adjournment.

Please make every effort to attend your union meetings.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Treas.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The next regular meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Friday, January 9 at 8 p.m. At this meeting the delegates who represented Local 1622 at the Carpenters' international convention and the State Federation convention will report on the action taken at the conventions.

Also the opposing factions in the recall election of the City of Fremont have been invited to present their side in the heated controversy over the proposed recall of City Council member Winifred Bendel.

Stewards meeting Tuesday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

The twenty-third annual Conference of Painters convention call is dated February 27 through March 1st at the Sainte Clare Hotel in San Jose. So, a special meeting of Local 1178 will be called Friday night, January 16, to nominate candidates to be elected as delegates to this convention at a later date.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 13.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held on January 10, 1959 at 2 p.m. This is one of our important meetings so brothers make every effort to attend so that you may meet the brothers who can best represent you in 1959.

The Executive Board will meet at 12:30. Again we meet at Eagle Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting by the refreshment committee.

Again let me remind you January 10, 1959 will be election of officers. Please be there at this time. I want to extend to all the brothers of 371 a Happy and Successful New Year.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Friday, January 23, 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez street, Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 40

The next meeting of January 9, 1959 has been designated a Special Called meeting for the purpose of discussing the operation of the Council and any other business that may come before this meeting.

The first quarter dues are now payable. Be sure and send in the correct amount of $25.35.

Let's start the new year right by attending this important meeting.

Fraternally yours,
CLARENCE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

Knight before quitting grants pardon to Osslo

A few minutes before Goodwin J. Knight retired as Governor, he granted a pardon to Max Osslo, San Diego Butchers Union official and long a vice president of the State AFL, convicted in 1956 of conspiracy to commit assault on Retail Clerks officers.

Arthur L. Meyer, involved in the same incident, was also given a full pardon.

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Culinary Workers given advice by Weinberger to take local labor paper

Perhaps the best reason of all for supporting the community labor press is this: a well-run, well-edited community labor paper can be any town's most important influence for the kind of trade union solidarity so indispensable to the advancing of your members' own interests.

None of us lives in a vacuum. This is specially true of unions. The strength of the hotel and restaurant union in any city is in part dependent upon the strength of other unions in that place. Your wages will climb more slowly if those of others climb slowly, too. — **Jack Weinberger, Secretary-Treasurer Hotel and Restaurant Union.**

Labor editor told GOP party of poor

Ruben Levin, editor of Labor, the railway unions' weekly, loves to publish letters like the following, which appeared in a recent issue of that excellent labor paper:

Your recent editorial, "Dumping Principles for Pieces of Silver," hits a new low level in campaigning. The very fact that Republicans need money to carry on their campaigns should be a very healthy thing in their favor.

In your effort to incite class against class, your own statements show it is the Republicans who need contributions? So which is the party of the poor?

Vice President Nixon and our great President Eisenhower are self-made men, devoted to what is best for all Americans rich and poor alike. You have been conducting such a ridiculous, socialistic campaign against them, that I believe the people will react against such attacks.

MRS. L. LANCASTER.
Auburn, Me.

Beirne calls for evaluation of CWA goals by society

NEW YORK — President Joseph A. Beirne of the Communications Workers has proposed that a panel of top-ranking economists make a "social evaluation" of the union's demands for "bold and imaginative wage adjustments." He invited management of the industry's giants —the $20 billion Bell Telephone System, where 90 percent of the telephone workers are employed, and the $1 billion General Telephone Corporation—to join with the CWA in naming economists to conduct the appraisal.

"Because of a steady decline in the relative earning position of communications workers," Beirne declared, "we face the prospect that the industry will no longer be able to attract the skilled people it needs."

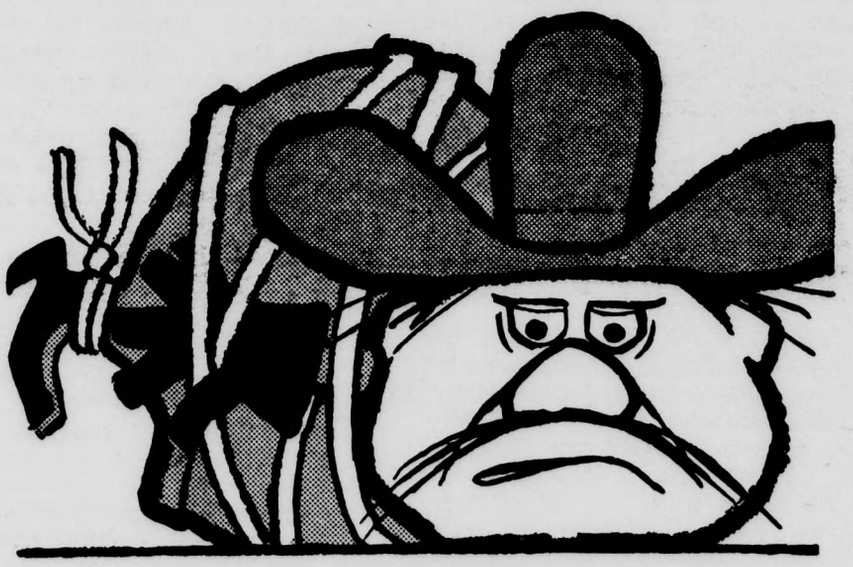
He said that while "spectacular achievements in automation and electronics are commonplace" at major companies, "we are witnessing a dangerous social lag, exemplified in the kind of outmoded wage theories" they practice.

Wages in the telephone industry average $2.08 an hour, the CWA president said, compared with $2.12 for common laborers employed by steel manufacturers.

In bargaining throughout the United States and Canada, CWA will ask for the elimination of all social security deductions from pension calculations and an increase in all minimum pensions to $125 a month, independent of the amount received from social security.

The union will also seek a revised pension formula so that retirement benefits are based on average earnings during five instead of the 10 highest years, and introducing survivors' rights under pension plans. — **AFLCIO News.**

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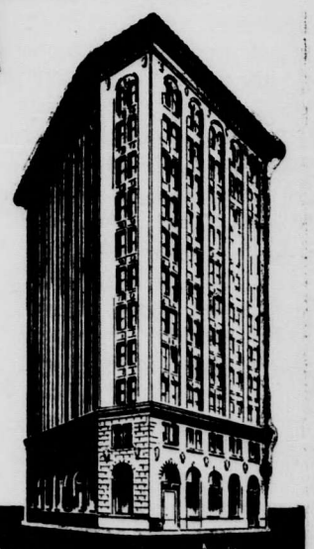
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Metropolis growth not mere problem, but opportunity

General Manager John M. Peirce of the Bay Area Rapid Transit District emphasized the opportunities—not the problems—presented by metropolitan growth in a recent speech before the taxation section of the California State Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting in San Francisco.

"We don't seem to take cognizance of the fact that metropolitan areas are the latest progression in the evolutionary development of cities, or to realize the absolute necessity to our way of life of these great concentrations of population," Peirce declared.

"Nor do we recognize the great advantages which these population concentrations imply in the variety of skills they make available to our business and industry . . . in the wide choice of jobs they offer . . . in the business opportunities they afford . . . in the wealth and cultural, recreational and leisure time activities they make possible.

"But only in the great metropolitan areas of our Nation is such diversity in all things possible. And because of the attractiveness of this diversity, these areas are expected to grow four times as fast as the rest of the Nation during the next two decades."

But Peirce warned that to take full advantage of metropolitan diversity, "we must provide maximum accessibility to the diversity which is our basic source of attraction." He added:

"What I mean, essentially, is that we must make it possible for a person to live where he wants and to work where he wants in the Bay Area without limiting the choice of either job or residence. At the same time, this person must have ready access to a variety of shopping, recreational and cultural centers.

"The alternatives facing us," he added; "are to continue to rely more and more on the private automobile as our primary means of transportation or to develop a balanced transportation system in which the private automobile and rapid transit play equally important roles."—**Rapid Transit District.**

Clear the Track



Union head asks why not raise for Government worker

General President James A. Campbell of the American Federation of Government Employees said in a recent issue of that union's paper, the Government Standard:

Anyone who predicted that Congress will vote salaried Government employees a pay raise during 1959 would be accused of the wildest type of wishful thinking.

Well I won't make any predictions. But I will ask this one question:

Why not?

Why shouldn't a pay bill receive serious consideration this year? Not another 10 percent raise, perhaps. But at least enough to keep up with the pattern of private industry and the continued rise in prices.

Last year's salary increase—as even President Eisenhower's chief economic adviser conceded at the time — was based on changes in economic conditions that had already taken place. It helped Government employees catch up on some of their lost purchasing power, but it certainly put them ahead of the pack.

Millions of workers in private industry who received pay raises this year will get additional increases during 1959.

Why, then, should it be considered "unrealistic" for the million and a half classified and postal employees to be given a pay raise during 1959?

Part of the answer is the long and torturous course a bill introduced in Congress must take before it becomes law. It takes many months of effort—a full head of steam to use a railroad term—before hearings are scheduled. Usually it is not until Government employees have obviously fallen far behind in terms of living costs and private industry that pay legislation is given serious consideration. Too often, they are so far behind that any bill which would bring them up to par appears unrealistically high.

Children lacking polio shots

NEW YORK—National public health officials "continue to alibi their failure to make full use of the Salk polio vaccine," a spokesman for the AFLCIO has charged.

Leo Perlis, national director of Community Service Activities for the labor federation, attributed the nation's poor polio immunization record to "U.S. Public Health Service indifference" and not "parental indifference," viewed as the cause recently by Secretary Arthur S. Flemming of the Health, Education & Welfare Department.

Urging CSA committees and personnel to intensify their efforts for wider distribution of the Salk vaccine, Perlis called for the opening of schools, public health departments, factories, plants and offices for full-scale inoculation programs.

"This is the only way the men, women and children of America can effectively receive vaccine protection against paralytic polio," Perlis said.

Disputing a newspaper article by Flemming claiming that the weakness of the inoculation program does not stem from "insurmountable financial obstacles," Perlis pointed out: "In the same article, a spokesman for the U.S. Public Health Service is quoted as reporting that the polio epidemics in New Jersey and Detroit mostly involved migrants of a lower economic status."

The Community Services director said that Flemming "apparently finds it easier to cite parental indifference than to consider the latest census figures which show that one out of five families in the U.S. earn less than $2,500 a year" and that he failed to take into account "the nation's great numbers of unemployed."

The letter maintained that Flemming "fails to communicate with people" by listing general health grants and maternal and child health grants as fund sources from which parents might receive help if unable to pay for shots. These are "terms and avenues of aid that are confusing and mean little to a concerned father or mother," Perlis claimed.

Perlis said that national public health leaders "admit that fewer than half the children under five years of age have had three injections and almost one-third have had none."

"They admit that four out of five children in the six states most affected by polio outbreaks this year had recieved no shots."

"In the face of inaction by public health officials, I want to once again urge you to intensify your efforts in this important priority program of the AFLCIO Community Service Activities."—**AFLCIO News.**

Outside reviewers find Auto Workers heed grievances

DETROIT — The Auto Workers Public Review Board—set up in April 1957 as a court of final appeal for members protesting local or international union disciplinary action—has given the UAW a clean bill of health.

In its initial report to the 1.3 million-member union, covering the period from April 8, 1957 to September 30, 1958, the seven-member review board said its experience in the first 18 months of operation "proved that the UAW is free from corruption and gross perversions of the democratic procedures."

Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit, chairman of the "watchdog" group, said in a preface to the report:

"It would be unthinkable that there should not occur in a union as large and as ramified as the UAW instances of just grievance or appeals from decisions of the international executive board. None of the cases we dealt with and to which we give our serious attention and study reflect evils in the basic structure of the union or the conduct of its affairs."

Serving with Rabbi Adler on the committee are Magistrate J. A. Hanrahan, Windsor, Ont.; Msgr. George C. Higgins, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Clark Kerr, president of the University of California; Judge Wade H. McCree, Detroit; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Edwin E. Witte, economics professor, University of Wisconsin.

Thirteen of the cases brought before the board were filed by members appealing decisions of the UAW executive board. Five of these were dismissed when the appeals were dropped and three others still are pending. In the remaining five cases, the review body overruled the union's top leadership three times and upheld it twice.

An additional 11 cases were submitted by the union's executive board because they involved ethical practice matters over which the review body was granted review status. These cases covered local officers and staff members who had invoked the First or Fifth Amendments when questioned by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee about alleged Communist affiliations. The international ruled—and the review board sustained the decision—that such action did not disqualify them from holding local office.—**AFL-CIO News.**

Labor spokesman acts as interpreter in Africa

ACCRA, Ghana — The All-African People's Conference was forced to call on Irving Brown, AFLCIO fraternal delegate, for help when it ran into language difficulties during hot debate on the question of violent vs. non-violent action to gain independence.

The conference's official languages were English and French, but practically no arrangements had been made for translating. Tempers of delegates were growing shorter and confusion was growing greater when Brown, who speaks both tongues fluently, was pressed into service and did duty as a simultaneous translator as debate proceeded. — **AFLCIO News.**

Molders and Machinists win vote in steel plant

FORT WORTH, Texas — A joint campaign by the Molders and the Machinists led to a 3 to 1 majority for union representation in a National Labor Relations Board election among 200 employees of the Trinity Valley Iron & Steel Co.

AFLCIO Field Rep. James L. Smith assisted the two unions in the successful campaign. Negotiations for an initial contract are scheduled to get under way shortly — **AFLCIO News.**

John J. Brennan dies, heart attack

NEW YORK — Secretary-Treasurer John J. Brennan of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York died in Midtown Hospital of a heart attack. He was 68.

Both he and his father, the late William R. Brennan, were vice presidents of the Plasterers and Cement Masons at the time of their deaths. He also was a former president of Cement Masons Local 780.

Injured as a youth while working on a construction job, he was forced to walk with a cane for the rest of his life. He was a labor advisor in the U. S. delegation to the 1950 conference of the International Labor Organization; a director of the New York Building Congress, and a member of the city's Board of Education Labor Advisory Board, the committee named by Governor Averell Harriman to study laws pertaining to union welfare funds, and Cardinal Spellman's Committee of the Laity. — **AFL-CIO News.**

John F. Quinn comments on letter to this paper

John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, told the Central Labor Council that Shirley A. Kuehnhold, member of a culinary union, in a letter to East Bay Labor Journal January 2 had with inadequate information criticized unions. He added that printing such letters casts light on what some are thinking.

NAM right-to-work flop hit by GOP

The chairmen of the Republican and Democratic National Committees have publicly advised the National Association of Manufacturers that the big-business drive for so-called "right-to-work" laws seriously damaged Republican candidates in the November 4 election.

In a remarkably candid address before the NAM's annual conference in New York, GOP Chairman Meade Alcorn claimed that the Republicans had made progress in winning "rank-and-file" votes of workers and in shedding the "anti-labor" and "big-business" labels pinned to their party. But he said this progress was kicked away when the businessmen insisted on loading "right - to - work" proposals on the ballots in six states.

The effect was to stir workers to organization "as never before," Alcorn said, and to defeat "scores of Republican candidates for national, state and local offices." — **AFLCIO News.**

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Social Security seeking 2000 who may have rights

How to reach some 2000 people in the Oakland area who may be eligible for payments under the 1958 Amendments to the Social Security Law has the Oakland District Office stumped.

In making this statement, William B. Hayward, manager of the Oakland office said, "These 2000 people are part of an estimated 400,000 who possibly can benefit from recent changes in the Social Security Law."

He said the people he is looking for are:

- Dependents of people now receiving disability insurance payments—there are about 180,000 in this group who include young wives with children in their care, the young children themselves, and wives age 62 or over.
- Parents, fathers 65 or over, and mothers 62 or over, who were dependent upon children who have died. Under the old law such parents could not receive payments if the son or daughter on whom they were dependent was survived by a spouse or child eligible to receive payments. Under the new law all may receive benefits. 60,000 claims are expected.
- Disabled workers who have worked under social security for 5 years or more, but who could not qualify for benefits under the old law because they had not also worked a year and a half out of the last 3 years before they became disabled. There are 35,000 people in this group.
- Disabled adult children of retired, disabled or deceased workers may now qualify for benefits even though they had not been getting support from their parents. Disabled adult children whose mothers or fathers worked under social security but died before the law was changed may also qualify for payments. These sons or daughters may now be over age 18 but must have been disabled before reaching age 18. They may now be living in institutions, boarding homes or at home with their parents. They number 50,000.
- Children of deceased workers who had not completed adoption before death.

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BTC weighs legislative work

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wished to resign from that board. Jones reminded the delegates that he had said some time ago that he wished to resign when he felt sure that East Bay Labor Journal was on a firm financial foundation. He said that now it was in better shape, and that he was free to resign and attend to other pressing tasks.

Jones said that without wishing to interfere with the prerogatives of President Joseph Pruss of the BTC, who would make the appointment of a successor, he would like to suggest that it would be appropriate to name to the board BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers.

Pruss said that while all agreed that East Bay Labor Journal had done excellent work for the labor cause in the struggle over Proposition 18 and other issues, Childers had made various criticisms of the way the paper is conducted, and that he was inclined to appoint Childers to the board so that Childers would have an opportunity to voice officially any comments he wished to make in the matter.

J. L. Miller, former president of the BTC, asked if Plasterers 112, of which Childers is a member, subscribed to the paper, and the answer was that it does not. Miller then said that while he was president a resolution was passed that members of the board concerned with the paper should belong to unions subscribing to the paper.

Jones said that he remembered no such rule.

Louis Wilson, Carpenters 36, said that this should be the rule, whether it now was or not. Anders Larsen of the same local agreed. Larsen added that in his opinion all locals affiliated with the BTC should subscribe to East Bay Labor Journal.

The matter of appointing a successor to Jones was finally held up by President Pruss, awaiting full clarification of the point discussed.

SACRAMENTO AND D. C.

The local BTC will be watching very closely the progress of legislation in which it is interested in both Sacramento and Washington.

It has been agreed that the building trades will get their own proposed laws introduced in Sacramento, with assistance given by the Federation in the later stages.

BTC wins a restraining order

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paying prevailing union wages to laborers, teamsters, and engineers. The whole crew was nonunion, says the BTC.

Accordingly the BTC sued for damages and asked for an injunction to compel the defendants to cease ignoring the contract provisions. The case was heard January 2, and the show cause hearing set for January 8.

The council was represented in court by Herbert L. Johnson of the law office of P. H. McCarthy Jr. of San Francisco. Johnson handles cases also for the State Building Trades Council, which is greatly interested in the outcome of the local case.

AFLCIO COMMENTATORS, KGO 5 NIGHTS WEEKLY

Two commentators have programs sponsored by the AFLCIO Monday through Friday each week on KGO.

Edward P. Morgan is on from 6:00 to 6:15 p.m.

John W. Vandercook is on from 7:00 to 7:05 p.m.

Dress Union aided by 'proud badge'

NEW YORK — The Ladies Garment Workers Union has opened one of the biggest union label drives in trade union history with the initial distribution of its new "proud badge" to dress shops in the New York area.

Starting this year every garment leaving New York dress plants will carry the label. The campaign to spread it to other garment markets has been mapped and will be executed throughout the coming year.

The ILGWU label drive was set up after the unions 1957 strike against New York, New Jersey and Pennsylania garment manufacturers aimed at ending employer chiseling in the industry and driving out the last vestiges of racketeer ownership.

The union created a department headed by Vice President Julius Hochman to supervise the preparation and distribution of a label to go into all garments manufacturered under contracts providing for use of the label. About 75 percent of the union's membership is covered by such contracts. — **AFLCIO News.**

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

The Californian who's most likely to succeed, folks!

If critters out West could vote, most likely they would name the wild burro as the critter most likely to succeed.

But since he stomps in their water holes and eats them practically out of range and gully, it is equally likely they would never vote him the most popular critter.

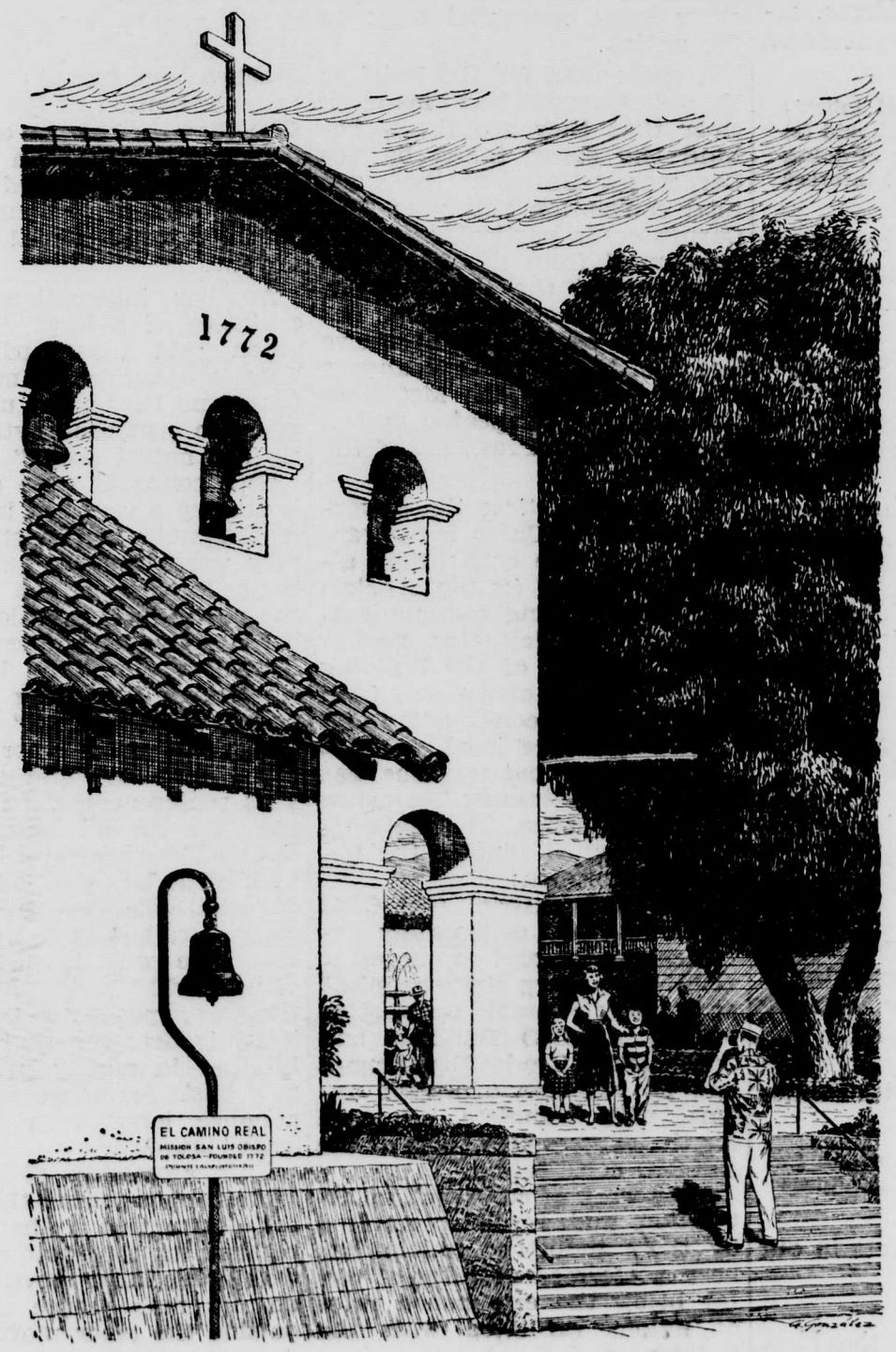
In fact, the feral burro, an African import originally, is posing something of a stubborn problem in his home out West. The sturdy little creature, left to run wild across 10 states from Idaho to Texas and from California to Wyoming, has become something of a bother.

The trouble is that the wild burro, referred to as "exotic" because he is non-native, is at home practically anywhere. In fact, he is so much at home anywhere that he often makes other critters — the natives — ill at ease. And this is upsetting humans, because the natives are frequently domesticated livestock. Or else they are native wild life—bighorn sheep, deer, or desert ground birds.

In desert areas where vegetation is sparse and burros the thickest, he competes with other animals for what food and water is available. And, being a burro, he always seems to win out.

Dr. Tom L. McKnight, an assistant professor of geography at the University of California at Los Angeles, has written a lively study of the feral burro, whose domesticated ancestors, as pack animals, helped men penetrate and settle the American West.—**Christian Science Monitor.**

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The rich will soon howl how very poor they are!

Ed Townsend, labor reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, says that in Rhode Island "the State AFLCIO is reported leaning more and more toward a combination of sales tax and income tax to meet State financial needs," and that in Massachusetts the "AFLCIO will oppose a sales tax in 1959, but probably not so strongly" as in the past.

Certainly in California, as Townsend duly notes, there is little if any tendency of labor to favor any increase of the sales tax, or of any type of consumer tax. It is plain that in the current session of the Legislature there is going to be a major clash between the big business lobbies wishing to load us with still more consumer taxes, and the forces of labor calling for tapping other revenue sources.

The labor press of our State has been carrying articles showing that our income tax hits the wealthy very lightly; that millions could be raised by following the example of other States and taxing oil and gas and mineral extractors for severing these resources from our land; that our corporation tax is of piddling proportions compared to that of Pennsylvania, for example; that we should follow other States in imposing a documentary and stock transfer tax; and that we could justly impose much higher inheritance taxes on the estates of our multimillionaires.

Tremendous howls and growls will be heard when any such proposals are made by labor in the Legislature. Let's so act that we shall hear a great many of those howls and growls. It should be quite entertaining, and profitable.

The right to politick

Jim Carey, president of the IUE, said the other day that he doesn't object to General Electric coming out in the open arena of politics, much as he dislikes the habit of some of the corporation's spokesmen of being "not only misleading but mendacious" in their statements.

And Jim Goodsell, editor of the Oregon Labor Press, recently quoted Stub Stewart, a leader of a group of businessmen called Associated Oregon Industries Inc. as saying:

"It's high time we quit crying about the activities of labor's COPE. As a matter of fact, I sometimes think the unions should be complimented for organizing COPE. Through COPE, labor is doing what a lot of us should be doing—taking a real and earnest interest in politics and government."

Goodsell points out that "Stewart's purpose, of course, is to inspire greater interest and participation in politics by businessmen," adding that "much of his good advice would apply just as well to union men and women."

Meanwhile in San Francisco, Teamster Jack Goldberger doesn't approve of COPE in that city. He has told the dailies that the old Union Labor Party of which he is the president is going to continue in business on the ground that there are too many Democrats in COPE.

Brother Jack told one paper that the Union Labor Party will be supported by the Teamsters, most of the building and maritime unions, and miscellaneous groups.

Well, let's follow the line of Jim Carey and Stub Stewart, and say that if Brother Jack, like GE and COPE, wants to politick, it's okay. Maybe he'll have a lot of fun.

'He that hateth his brother'

We call the attention of our readers to an article on this page by Father Andrew C. Boss, S. J., reprinted from Panel, the publication of the University of San Francisco Labor-Management School, of which Father Boss is the director.

Warning is given in that article by one who is very familiar with the problems of organized labor, and very sympathetic with its fundamental purposes, that while we are now formally merged in this State, we're a long way from being fully and wholesomely unified.

Perhaps it is appropriate to quote, in connection with Father Boss' friendly warning, I John 1:11 as follows:

"But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not wither he goeth, because that blindness hath darkened his eyes."

We do seem to have some very good brother-haters in our family.

JIM HOFFA's announcement he would organize the New York policemen, was, we said December 19, put in our "Wait-and-See box." We waited, and we saw the balloon collapse when the organizer was threatened with loss of his city job.

They're Off!



FATHER BOSS WORRIED BY LABOR'S DISUNITY

The Rev. Father Andrew C. Boss, S. J., director of the University of San Francisco Labor-Management School, in the current issue of Labor Management Panel, the school's publication, commented on the recent merger convention in San Francisco. In the concluding portion of his article Father Boss suggested it may become necessary for labor "to set up a court of last resort within the labor movement to settle internal disputes." Following is the earlier part of his article:

Labor is a house divided and as a house divided it will not stand. This week in San Francisco (December 8 to 12) the California Federation of Labor is holding the first merged convention of the old AFL and CIO. Although on the surface the two bodies are meeting as one there is an underlying tension that threatens the very existence of the merger. The California Federation is the largest state federation in the United States and the stress and strain being experienced here also threaten in every large industrial state in the nation.

A spokesman for the Building Trades Council has made it clear that they are firmly behind the stand taken by the Carpenters' Union at their annual convention this year. The Carpenters in particular publicly announced from the floor that they support the stand of Mr. Hutcheson, their president, not to appear before the Executive Board of the AFLCIO to answer charge made by the McClellan Committee and repeated by Mr. George Meany, President of the AFLCIO.

For the first time the powerful Teamsters' Union is not represented at the convention, although some of its top officials are observing and communicating with the delegates. Earlier in the meeting of the Building Trades Council credentials from the Teamsters' construction and materials drivers' local were not only accepted, but no issue was made about retaining Teamsters in council office. The Building Trades Council adopted the following resolution:

"Several industrial (old CIO) unions have deliberately encroached upon and continued to attempt to usurp the recognized and historic craft jurisdiction of the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department and its nineteen affiliated unions, with complete disregard for the express provisions of the AFLCIO constitution.

"The work of construction, alteration and repair performed by these industrial unions has been performed at rates of pay far below the established rates of unions affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Department, thus lowering the wage standard of many workers.

"It has become imperative, therefore, that the California State Building and Construction Trades Council take effective measures to protect and preserve the historic and traditional craft jurisdiction of its affiliates.

"Therefore, be it resolved that this convention give the officers and the executive council authorization to take all necessary action, including requesting the Building and Construction Department to withdraw from the AFLCIO to protect the craft jurisdiction of the building trades unions."

Joe Angelo, subregional district director of the United Steelworkers, told the last separate convention of the old State CIO that the merger of the two bodies did not mean that the Steelworkers intended to surrender what they considered to be their jurisdictional rights to anyone.

Another international representative of a large AFL (old) union said that jurisdictional lines are becoming more confused and that many unions are going to organize anything that "is not nailed down."

This confused state of affairs is making a very bad impression on the public and constitutes the very worst type of public relations. In view of the fact that the public in California gave labor a vote of confidence in the November election by overwhelmingly defeating the proposed "right-to-work" law, it is incumbent upon labor to show more stability and maturity. This writer campaigned against the proposed law, but is frankly disappointed with the squabbling within the house of labor. Jurisdictional disputes are understandable, but it is not understandable why intelligent men of good will are not able to solve their own problems. Do not our labor leaders see that this exhibition is merely providing a new basis for those who would penalize labor with "right-to-work" laws?

This atomizing of the labor movement is sowing the seeds of self-destruction. Whatever the reasons for the various disputes within the labor movement they do not make sense to anyone outside the labor movement. To the ordinary citizen the old charges of "power hungry," corruption, racketeering, selfishness can easily be attributed to those who represent 2,000,000 workers in California.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

CUSSES & KISSES

Editor, Labor Journal:

Don't be so proud of not having advocated admission to the United Nations of Red China. The only thing holding it up is our discredited and unenlightened State Department.

Sooner or later we are going to provide asylum for Chiang Kai Shek and his immediate friends and recognize the Communist Chinese Government, as we should have done long ago, as the real government of China.

I'd like too to applaud the letter of Langdon W. Post which out to have squelched you even if it didn't.

When are we going to get a list of those business firms who supported Proposition 18? I, personally, have already begun what I expect will be a life-long boycott of General Electric products. I don't want any of my money financing future anti-labor measures.

Frankly, though, I should have been surprised to find, if Eighteen had passed, that it would have been a fine thing for labor in this State. Labor would have been forced to fight for its life, would have been a lot more militant and the present pie-cards, who have now gone back to their old pasttime of doing nothing, would have had to start functioning or get out.

In closing I want to say that, considering the conservative nature of the unions backing East Bay Labor Journal, it is a darn good paper.

Fraternally,
JOHN M. JENCKS,
General Contractor and member of Carpenters Local 36

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HAD TO HAVE 'EM

We saw an Associated Press dispatch on the New York City newspaper strike. It seems that stores, to fill the news gap due to the suspension of the city's major dailies, had papers flown in from other cities. The papers, which normally sell for 25 cents a copy, were sold for 50 cents each. But here's the item that interested us: A separate comics section was sold at 10 cents each. — **The Monitor, Catholic weekly.**

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HAT AND RUN!

A burly fellow left a note pinned to his expensive hat in a restaurant while he made a telephone call: "This hat belongs to a champion fighter, and I'm coming back."

When he returned the hat had gone. In its place was another note: "The hat was taken by a champion runner—and I'm not coming back."

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MEANY'S RESTRAINT

I suppose it's innate delicacy that keeps labor spokesmen from responding in kind to the guttersnipe vilifications of men in high office in the present Administration. I admire George Meany's restraint, for instance, for the temptation must be great to spit in Summerfield's eye and tell him to crawl back into the woodwork. — **J. C. Rich in the Hat Worker.**

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REAL BIRD DOG!

In a recession-hit North Carolina town, one Joe Westbrook took to spending days in the spectators' gallery of the local courtroom. Asked how come this intense interest in the law, Westbrook replied: "It's none of that I'm interested in. I come to court to see who the judge sentences to road gangs. I pick out the defendants with the best jobs and then I go and apply for their positions." — **The Hat Worker.**